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THESE HARD TIMES.

If you are figuring how to get the most for your dollar, call in and see our salesmen, they will help you figure it out.

We are busy taking stock; and we find a great many odds and ends in every department, and we are placing them all on our bargain tables to be sold at very low prices, which will make your dollar go as far as two dollars at the ordinary prices. It will pay you to call round and see us.

Owing to our going to remove to our old stand in March, we are offering all heavy goods at a great reduction up to the time we are ready to move.

EVERYBODY WELCOME.

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THE BUSY CORNER STORE.
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WE SELL STANFIELD'S UNDERWEAR.

Our School.

The Advocate seems worried that the School Board has not already adopted the manual exercises and drill suggested by Mr. Hadley some two or three weeks ago. That will come in due course if the Advocate will only try and be a little patient. It further seems to cast a reflection on the ability of our teaching staff in comparison with other towns between Calgary and Edmonton. We do not think the Advocate really means any harm. The Inspector's report was the best ever received on our school. The teachers are doing good work, and the healthy, vigorous and moral tone of our school is splendid. Every room is full, the work is progressing without a hitch, the children are making splendid progress and Principal McLean is highly gratified with his efficient staff. There is not a school on the line doing the work that our school is doing at the present time, and there is nothing to prevent Red Deer being the leading educational centre of the province of Alberta.

Seed Oats.

It is claimed by those who know that there are over 20,000 bushels of good seed oats in this district, held by farmers, of the crop of 1906. If this is the case there should be no need of buying imported seed at this point. Then there are thousands of bushels so nearly perfect that will yield eighty or ninety per cent. Such oats are good for seed, but it would be a mistake to sow oats that go much less than this.

Penhold.

The ratenayers of the Essexville, S. D. held their annual meeting on the 15th inst. H. R. McDougall was elected trustee by acclamation to fill the vacancy caused by the retirement of O. Spruille.

Arthur Hives was elected trustee at the Penhold S. D. annual meeting by acclamation. J. S. Bruhlman was appointed sec. - treas.

Roy Fleming is erecting a new house just out of town.

Stewart Bros. have purchased 100,000 ft. of lumber from J. McChesnie, forty miles west of town, which is being hauled in very rapidly. We commend these enterprising gentlemen for striking out in this direction, for not only are they supporting a home industry but are employing local teamsters instead of the C. P. R.

Jack Walker returned to town last week to take his household goods to his ranch.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ball returned from their wedding trip on Thursday last. We understand they will hold a reception at the home of W. Walford on Wednesday.

Capt. Mackie of the 15th Light Horse paid a visit to the Penhold Rifle Association armory on Friday to inspect rifles, etc. He reported everything in excellent condition.

L. Borregard has sold his meat market to F. Michener, who has turned it over to Dick Lee.

H. C. Newland is busy storing ice for summer use.

The Penhold Rifle Association held their annual social gathering on Thursday last in Stewart's hall with Charles Wilson, the president in the chair. Last year, it will be remembered, this took the form of a banquet, which was a great success. It was intended to hold the same this year, but unfortunately the hotel could not furnish seating accommodation for so large a gathering. The committee decided to hold it in the form of an entertainment consisting of songs, speeches and presentation of prizes won at the annual shoot, with refreshments and winding up with a dance. This proved to be a great success and was patronized by a very large crowd. Next week we will publish a list of prizes and prize winners, and donations. Appended is the program:

President's Address
Speech "The Penhold Rifle Association." Capt. W. Whitelock, Vice Pres. J. F. Speakman.
Song "The Prize Winners." H. C. Newland.
Speech "The Prize Givers." H. C. Newland.
Song "The Members." Arthur Hives, R. J. Johnston.
Song "Those that got left." A. Speakman, J. E. Hives.
Song "The Ladies." Mrs. Hornsby.

Conservative Meeting.

The Friday evening meeting of the Conservative Association in Alexandra Hall was a great success. There were a number of Conservatives from the surrounding districts, who seemed to take great interest in the proceedings. Some of the farmers and ranchers are making a point to come in Friday night and remain over to next day.

The chair was taken by Dr. J. Collier and songs were given by Messrs. Hadley, Thompson, Cassels, Dr. George and F. Hart. C. K. Wright gave an instrumental solo and Mr. Huskins a comic recitation. Mr. Poget acted as accompanist.

Mr. Root was present and delivered a stirring address. He was heartily received and showed steady improvement as an orator. He scored Dr. Clark, who boasted that the government gave us eight hours a day legislation. He thought that meant eight hours in the morning and eight hours in the afternoon as farmers had to work that long to make a living.

Mr. A. Pardoe, of Pine Lake made a neat speech in which he assured Mr. Root of the entire vote of that section of the country.

Geo. W. Greene made a short and forceful speech on the land question after which the meeting adjourned.

Police Court News.

Jas. A. Perry, residing near Burnt Lake had T. P. Zumwalt, T. J. Finner, also of Burnt Lake, before Justice Wallace last week charged with forging his name to a chattel mortgage.

Mr. Durie for Crown, Mr. Crawford for plaintiff, Greene & Payne for defence.

There were transactions between Zumwalt and Perry who came from Nebraska a year or so ago, to the amount of \$275 in all Zumwalt selling Perry cattle in exchange for breaking and notes apparently, Perry claims he paid \$75 cash which Zumwalt denies. Two notes of \$150 and \$50 were apparently signed by Perry who also apparently gave a chattel mortgage on the cattle of \$200 as additional security. When Perry was notified of the notes and mortgage against him, he repudiated the signature alleged to be his and had Zumwalt and Finner arrested for forgery on which charges they were committed for trial, bail being accepted in \$2000 each.

Mr. Greene objected to Mr. Durie acting on the case. When asked why he said Mr. Durie certainly would have to act against Perry as he would be proceeding against for perjury.

This took place and the accused had Perry arrested for perjury. In making a false declaration, and he also was committed for trial, bail being accepted in \$2000 Mr. Finner, Miss Anderson and Mrs. Zumwalt all swore that Perry really did sign the notes and mortgage at Zumwalt's house on the 7th December last. Mr. Meistrom, who prepared a bill of sale on the 30th November swore that Perry admitted a consideration of \$200. Mr. Menzies of the Northern Bank at Red Deer, gave it as his opinion that the admitted signature of Perry to the declaration upon which warrants were issued from Zumwalt and Finner was written by the same man who wrote signature on the chattel mortgage; he also identified Perry's signature on the documents as tallying with that on the chattel mortgage.

Crown prosecutor Durie was placed in a most peculiar and to the onlooker rather amusing position in having to turn around and prosecute the very man he had been defending.

Presbyterian Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting of Knox Church was held on Tuesday night, Rev. W. V. Fortune presiding. The reports were the most satisfactory in the history of the congregation.

The total amount received from all sources was \$3,327.00. Of this the Ladies' Aid raised \$800. The Sabbath school \$220. The Mission Collection \$227. The W. H. M. S. \$48 from ordinary revenue \$222.

The following were elected managers for the ensuing year: Messrs. V. L. Quinlan, J. J. Smith and D. S. King. Mr. Joseph Wallace was elected to take the place made vacant by the removal of Mr. Snellie, and was also elected treasurer. Mr. W. L. Quinlan was elected secretary.

Assistants to treasurer—A. H. Ilsey and W. Heighon.

During the year 33 names were added to the roll.

The ladies served refreshment during the evening.

Hockey.

About 125 all told went down to Olds from Red Deer on the special train ordered by the Red Deer Hockey boys, last Friday night, and a merry time was spent by all. The train was made up of just two coaches and a luggage car, and as the Red Deer crowd filled these up, a large crowd waiting to board at Innisfail, had to be left. The accommodation in the Olds rink was very poor, many of the onlookers having to stand ankle deep in snow, but the light was splendid. Some four or five hundred people were present to see the game.

The first half of the game was well played and resulted in 3-2 in favor of Olds, but shortly after half time Olds scored 3 times in quick succession, after that the game was very dirty, as much as five or six men being on the fence at a time, and could not be called hockey. Red Deer again scored twice, and Olds got in four more goals, making the score at the end of the first half of Olds 6-2. McCutcheon acted as judge of play and Dan Smith as referee. Dan Smith is undoubtedly the best referee in these parts and certainly sticks to his decisions. The Olds boys gave the Red Deer boys a good supper after the match although the time was rather limited. Following is the line up of the teams:

Red Deer	Olds
G. Watson	Smith
R. Cornett	Cullen
Codd	Young
A. Tait	Davey
C. Hewson	McCutcheon
M. Beckett	Scott
W. Beckett	Shields.

Didsbury tried their luck against the local boys Monday night last. The game was clean and fast, though slow in the first half, the Didsbury boys having a faster bunch than was expected. The score at half time stood 1-1 and the excitement began to grow but after again starting the Red Deer boys made 3 more goals in 20 minutes, and Didsbury again scoring a minute before time, left the score 4-2 in favor of Red Deer. J. Mann refereed a very satisfactory game. The visiting team were given a supper at the English Cafe, and they all took in the show at the Opera House. Following was the line up:

Red Deer	Didsbury
Richards	Gaddes
R. Cornett	J. McLeod
Codd	Pearson
A. Tait	T. Stark
C. Hewson	C. Bricker
M. Beckett	Sex Smith
W. Beckett	J. Melrose.

W. Gamble and F. Cornett, goal umpires.

The boys will likely return the match Friday night next.

The Juniors went down to defeat at Innisfail on Saturday last by the score of 6-3. The boys claim Innisfail put on men to play against them. L. Handford refereed the game. The Innisfail boys will probably return the game soon.

Curling.

In the cup competition Humber's rink has beaten all comers so far, having downed Welliver Monday night 16 to 5. Welliver comes second on the list:

Thursday night:	Reunie
Baird	Carswell
H. L. Gaetz	Galt
Plaxton	Galbreith
Welliver, sk. 17	Quinette, sk. 2
	Hanna
	Carswell
	T. A. Gaetz
Molson	Payne, sk. 6
Hoskins	
Humber, sk. 13	
Friday night:	Rothnie
Baird	Hoskins
H. L. Gaetz	Wallace
Welliver, sk. 10	Stephenson, sk. 11
Cork	
Carswell	G. Wright
T. A. Gaetz	Molson
Payne, sk. 9	Carswell, sk. 11
Saturday night	Main
Baird	Greene
Welliver	Payne
Stephenson, sk. 11	Carswell, sk. 9
Monday night:	Baird
G. Wright	H. L. Gaetz
Hoskins	De Plaxton
Molson	Welliver, sk. 5

Next Meeting of A. F. A.

The next meeting of the Red Deer branch of the A. F. A. will be held on Friday the 31st day of January at 2 o'clock to receive the report of the delegates to Edmonton and other general business. This step was necessary owing to the fact that Feb. 7th is the date fixed for the Seed Fair.

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" 45 " " " 45 " " 45 cents
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These Orders are payable at par at any office in Canada of a Chartered Bank (Yukon excepted), and at the principal banking points in the United States. They are negotiable \$1.00 to the £ sterling in Great Britain and Ireland. They form an excellent method of remitting small sums of money with safety, and at small cost, and may be obtained without delay at any office of the Bank.

RED DEER BRANCH
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SEED FAIR.

The Seed Fair under the auspices of the Dominion and Provincial Departments of Agriculture and of the Red Deer Exhibition Association, Limited, will be held at

RED DEER, Friday, Feb. 7th.

All exhibits intended for entry must be of one bushel and must be brought in not later than Saturday, Jan. 25, two weeks before, and can be made at the office of the Secretary, R. B. Welliver, when the Association's Committee will make provision for germinating tests.

Owing to the scarcity of good seed in the Province, it is the special request of the Association to all persons having good seed for sale, grown either in 1908 or 1907, to bring it out and compete.

The Prize List will be ready in a few days, and after the different fairs, catalogues will be issued and circulated through the country giving the lists of prize winners and also lists of farmers who have shown grain at the fairs fit for seed, whether prize winners or not.

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EDITOR OF THE NEWS:

Sir,—Find enclosed \$2.00 for which send me The Winnipeg Weekly Telegram, The Family Herald and Weekly Star and The News for one year.

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Tincture of emery wheel and grinders for knives and scissors.

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We solicit the business of Manufacturers, Inventors and others who desire the advantage of having their Patent Inventions promptly secured. Profoundly experienced. Charges moderate. Our Inventor's Adviser upon the Patent, Marine and Electrical Engineering, etc., etc., Montreal and Washington, D.C., U.S.A.

GRAFTERS WILL GET-RICH-QUICK ON THEIR SEVENTY-FIVE PER CENT RAKE OFF FROM THE SUB TARGET GUN CONTRACT.

On Behalf of the Government Sir Fred Borden Agrees to buy 2000 Machines at \$250 Each for Which The Company Pays the Sub Contractor Only \$64. Thus Giving Them a Middleman's Profit of 2000 Times \$186; Only a \$4,500 Actual Cash Was Put Into This Company, But \$500,000 of Its Stock is in the Hands of Politicians, and one H. H. Wickwire Stands to Make \$30,000 From the Stock Allotted to Him.

The "sub-target" is a machine used for the instruction of pupils under military training in public schools and other establishments where no rifle range is available. The student goes through the form of shooting at a target using a real rifle. The mechanism indicates approximately what score would have been made on a genuine target. It is reported to be a useful contrivance and is recommended by military authorities in this country. The sub-target is a United States invention and was introduced into Canada two or three years ago. The promoters of the sale here exhibited the machine and made a diligent canvass in the proper quarters. A Toronto promoter acquired the right to manufacture and sell the invention in this country and he seems to have understood how to bring influence to bear where it would do the most good.

NOT WHOLLY MADE IN CANADA. A contract was made with the minister of militia to supply these machines as required at the price of \$250 dollars each. As far as can be learned the existing contract is for 1,000, but there is an understanding, apparently amounting to a valid agreement that 2,000 will be bought. It was at first a part of the contract that the sub-targets should be wholly manufactured in this country. The minister declared to have Canada independent of foreign sources of supply—just as he had been in the case of the Ross rifle. But, as in the above case, when the contractors enticed him, he consented, and at present the sub-targets are nominally manufactured in Sherbrooke, while important parts of them are brought in wholly made from the United States factory. As with the Ross rifle, the whole machine is made, but in this case it would be quite possible to supply the machinery and obtain the workmen to make the whole machine. That would involve additional cost and a reduction of profits from which the minister has kindly protected the contractors without altering the price paid.

AN EASY WAY TO GET RICH QUICK. The company to which Mr. Wickwire belongs, has by this time, got all the money back that was paid for patent rights and necessary promotion expenses. For some time back it has been gathering in its profit of \$186 on each \$250 machine. Some 200 were finished in 1905 and perhaps twice as many this year. At the price of \$250 a machine a year the profits will now be \$74,400. Any politician who has \$50,000 of stock is thus gathering in \$7,000 or \$8,000 for his share, or the share of any other person for whom he acts as a trustee. It would appear that this is to go on for five years at the above rate.

A PRIVATE SECRETARY SHARE-HOLDER. It was mentioned that officials in the department received some shares. One of the very high civil officer, very close to the minister of militia. Some dispute appears to have arisen between the promoters and the politicians. The former claimed that he had not got all that was coming to him, or rather, that he was going out to others more than was coming to them. Mr. Panet of the militia department, was asked for a sum of money. He did not do much about it and apparently did not think he ought to pay anything. On the witness stand in the committee, Mr. Panet was a study. He was not able to explain anything. He believed that Sir Fred Borden was made a party to the suit. For himself he put in no defence took no serious action in the matter, and did not seem to know exactly how the matter terminated. With charming frankness this officer explained that he had not thought it wrong to obtain in this way, or to hold stock in a company formed for the purpose of carrying on a contract with remarkable precision which he belonged. "If I had thought it wrong," he observed, "I could have had the stock placed in the name of some one else." This official of the militia department seems to understand how things are done.

MYSTERIOUS POLITICAL STOCK OPERATIONS. The Toronto promoter having sold his patent right at a profit or commission, carried through some stock operations of a mysterious character by virtue of which the future profits appear to have passed largely to others. The whole of the capital stock was in his hands, and he distributed it in large blocks to a few highly favored individuals. Some got only a few hundred shares; some received them by thousands; some got as high as \$25,000 and \$50,000 in shares, to each according to his several ability. It could not be learned that any payment was made for this stock. One block went to a firm of stock brokers in Toronto. Smaller allotments were apportioned to officers in the militia and officials in the militia department. Some went to politicians. One of the largest holders was H. H. Wickwire, then M. P. for king's whose political intimacy with Sir Frederick Borden is pretty well understood. If Mr. Wickwire paid any money for his stock, there was nothing in the evidence to show it. According to the figures given it would stand to make from \$25,000 to \$30,000 profits by the time 2,000 sub-target machines were supplied to the government.

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One ounce Fluid Extract Dandelion;

One ounce Compound Salsaparilla;

Four ounces Compound Syrup Sarsaparilla;

Mixed and taken in teaspoonful doses after each meal, this medicine is pronounced by a prominent physician to be the best mixture for the cure of the kidney, bladder, and all urinary troubles.

This says the doctor, is the most simple though remarkable preparation ever written to cleanse the system of impurities and waste matter. It acts as a powerful tonic to the kidneys, forcing them to filter out the acids and poisons, overcoming the chronic kidney, bladder and other ailments arising from sour, impure blood.

The ingredients can be procured at any good drug store, and being purely vegetable and entirely harmless, can easily be mixed at home.

If you have a suffering friend show this to him, as he will undoubtedly be cured by the simple and highly recommended remedy.

THE ARCTIC.

The trip of the good ship Arctic, sent out by the Liberal Government to discover the North Pole or something of that sort, is now pretty well known; but the outrageous quantity of undesirable and costly supplies, and disgraceful prices paid for same, will go down in history as one of the most damnable pieces of corruption that blot the pages of Canadian history.

Take the liquor and tobacco account, for instance, which includes the following, bought from G. E. Amyot & Fils, Quebec:

300 Havana cigars at 10c.	\$ 30.00
4,000 Laurier cigars at 80c.	320.00
1,000 Toronto D.C.C. cigars at \$35.	35.00
5,000 cigarettes.	50.00
Tobacco, T. & B. smoking, 805 lbs. at 95c.	764.75
Tobacco, chewing, 200 lbs. at 75c.	150.00
Excise dues on 1,105 at 35c.	381.05
Express charges.	18.00
Pipes, 6 dozen at \$3.10.	20.40
Pipes, 9 dozen at \$3.20.	28.80
Tobacco, Wigan, 70 lbs. at 1.00.	70.00
Pipes, 5 dozen at \$1.75.	87.50
Pipes, 32, at \$3.75 per dozen.	15.91

This bill with a few other items, such as 10 checker boards costing \$54.00, and 17 dozen playing cards, amounts altogether to \$2,739.03.

From C. Gratton & Co., of Montreal, there was purchased 528 lbs. of tobacco at 53 cents, and 272 lbs. at 60 cents, making a total of \$443.04.

The Rock City Tobacco Co., Quebec, supplied the following:

Tobacco, navy, chewing and smoking, 800 lbs. at 75c.	\$600.00
Tobacco, navy, chewing, 141 lbs. at 60c.	84.60
Tobacco, navy, smoking, extra, 342 lbs. at 80c.	273.60
Tobacco, navy cut, 122 lbs. at 75c.	91.50
Tobacco, Wigan, 70 lbs. at 1.00.	70.00
Tobacco, Pique, 50 lbs. at 1.00.	50.00
Cargate.	3.00
	\$1,005.50

SOMETHING TO DRINK.

The liquor statement includes the following:

Bought from Udoz Patry, of Quebec:

10 cases of Pommery wine (champagne) \$320.00	
From Plouffe & Co., of Ottawa:	
Port wine, 5 cases at \$14.00.	\$70.00
Sherry, 5 cases at \$8.00.	40.00
Spirits, 42.31 gallons at \$1.25.	52.89
Barrel.	3.00
	\$205.89

From Lawrence A. Wilson Co., Montreal:

Old Jamaica rum, 1081 gals. at \$1.	\$1,081.00
Alcohol, 110 gals. at \$1.50.	165.00
Line juice, 108 gals. at \$1.15.	124.20
Cognac, 5 cases at \$12.	60.00
Burnmaster, fine old crushed port, vintage of 1878, 5 cases at \$12.	60.00
Casks, 21 at \$1.50.	31.50
	\$1,301.70

There is an order of 200 cases of line juice at \$8.50 from J. A. Christian & Co., of Montreal.

From Lyman & Sons, Montreal, besides olive oil, toilet soaps, and medical supplies, amounting to \$2,193.87, we have the following:

Alcohol, 20 gals. at \$5.	\$100.00
Fenstein brandy, 5 cases at \$12.	60.00
Jamaica rum, 5 gals. at \$5.50.	27.50
Sherry wine, 15 gals. at \$4.00.	60.00

The Seed Fair.

Word has been received from W. C. McKilligan, of Calgary, announcing the dates for the proposed seed fairs in Alberta.

The schedule is as follows:

Didsbury, February 3.
Olds, February 4.
Innisfail, February 5 and 6.
Red Deer, February 7.
Lacombe, February 12.

Post Office Guide.

Doors open from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.

General Delivery Wicket open from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Money Order Wicket open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Mails are due to arrive as follows:

From South, 11.55 a.m. daily.

From North, 13.07 p.m. daily.

From Hillsdown—11 a.m. Saturdays.

From Evans, Eckville, Burnt Lake, Sylvan Lake, Leslieville and Solheima—at 4.30 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Mails for despatch are closed as follows:

Going North, 11.25 a.m. daily.

South, 12.30 a.m. except Sundays.

For Hillsdown, 1 p.m. Saturday.

For Evans, etc., at 7 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Sundays, the doors are open from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

LAST OF THE "PEELERS"

THE SURVIVOR OF PICTURESQUE FORCE RETIRES.

Superintendent Rose Who Trained 60,000 Men For Police Duties—Served With "Bobbies" Wore Plug Hats and Tail-Coats—Recollections of Old London—On Duty at King Edward's Wedding.

Superintendent George Rose retired recently from the Metropolitan police after a service of 46 years. One significant proof of his popularity was that only three days before, he being then chief inspector, he was raised to the rank of superintendent, so that his retiring status might thereby be improved.

Superintendent Rose hailed from Balmoral, the King's estate. He came to London and joined the force in October, 1860, being posted to the A division. He rapidly rose to the rank of inspector. In 1866 he was appointed to the Metropolitan force, and during the 42 years he has served in that capacity no less than 60,000 men have been drilled and trained by him. The position held by the Metropolitan police today is a standing testimony to the very efficient training which the large body of men have received at his hands. No man has been allowed to leave the recently reformed department unless he has acquired sufficient knowledge to render him an efficient member of the force.

Mr. Rose is probably one of the best known men in London, and has been much of late in the public eye. He can claim to be one of the living links with the police force of the past. He is actually a "peeler" in the old sense of the word, for he was in the tail, or "lun" hat was still in vogue. In his last service he was in command of that picturesque force which paraded London in light beaver top hats.



Mr. Rose is a tall, thin man, with a mustache, and is dressed in a dark suit. He is looking directly at the camera with a slight smile. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

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Early in his career Mr. Rose was able to do the late Mr. Gladstone a slight service, and he recalls with fond remembrance the fact that the eminent statesman ever afterwards recognized him in the street.

Mr. Gladstone and his daughter were passing Buckingham Palace when the latter dropped a locket. Mr. Rose picked it up, and handed it to her. Mr. Gladstone afterwards called at Old Scotland yard, thanking Sir Richard Mayne, and left a reward for the constable who rendered the service.

His turn of special duty took him to Windsor for King Edward's wedding as Prince of Wales and to his marriage, enabling him to establish the unique record of being the only man at the time who had attended the event.

Mr. Rose even won treasures Garibaldi's tribute to the London police, in which he said "it was marvelous to see such large crowds kept in order by men armed with nothing but a little bit of wood." He recollects the first train that ran in the London streets from the corner of Westminster Abbey to Victoria station. The line was built by a Mr. Train, the rails being laid above the surface of the roadway. A second railway was afterwards laid from Marble Arch to Baywater, and constituted the Sunday afternoon ride for some little time.

Change For The Better.

Twelve cent cab fares were then in vogue, very different from the old Hackney carriage attendants.

Mr. Rose has, during his career, met most of the prominent foreign police officials and shown them the course of training in use in England. Finally the extreme made the extraordinary statement that he attributed his present comparative youth to the fact that he had always mixed with young men.

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WEDNESDAY, JAN. 22nd, 1908.

AN OPTIMISTIC SPIRIT.

There is a distinctly more optimistic spirit prevailing in the financial world. The Financial Post, in a review of the financial conditions in Montreal, says:—
"With the passing of the Old Year one would think that the very roots of pessimism had been torn up and thrown aside, as something peculiarly associated with the calendar period of 1907, and not to be considered for a moment as belonging to the year of grace, 1908. The change in the spirit of things financial and industrial here is simply extraordinary, when it is considered that but a few short weeks ago the whole city was in a state bordering on a small-sized panic. Then it was that industrial and commercial houses were named as impending failures; gossip being rife about the unfavorable status of many well-known houses. All that is altered and there is not a whisper of trouble in any direction. The great Christmas business of the departmental stores has been in many respects a revelation to the people here; and on the top of this was an unprecedented 'January sale' business, clearing out the stock in a most satisfactory manner."

The financial situation is truly alarming. Even with the expenditure on the publicly-owned section of the Grand Trunk Pacific, the cost of running the intercolonial, and subsidies to Provinces eliminated, the main estimates for the current year call for an outlay of \$12 per head of the population. When the supplementaries are added the per capita charge will probably amount to \$14, or double the outlay per head by the national Government of the United States. Retrenchment must take place soon, and the brakes applied, or the country will be so heavily involved that it will be impossible to meet our obligations. The question is, When?

Our local member, John T. Moore, never so much as took a look in on his way from Ontario to the meeting of the local legislature on Wednesday last the 15th inst., but sailed majestically past on the train in all his war paint and glory. We knew he would not return before the session was due but thought he might stop over a day to see if there was anything doing or if he could serve his constituents in any way. But this he did not even do. The cool, contemptuous manner in which he treats the people of Red Deer is outrageous. It looks as though he was so full of legislation for something beneficial to himself that he has not time to entertain anything that might be of benefit to the town that elected him.

Captain Kidd in his palmist days never had so much grog on board his ship as the government had on board its good ship Arctic when it sailed the northern seas.

A COMMON STANDARD.

Commenting on the Toronto Globe's attack upon the personal character of Dr. Beattie Nesbitt, the Toronto Saturday Night says that if the Globe be consistent it will demand a big standard of morality in all candidates for public position, be they Liberal or Conservative. For this reason the same journal adds that the Globe has put itself in a serious position. To quote the Saturday night:
"What will the Globe do with the moral imperfections of certain leading Liberals; leaders in Federal politics, until very recently members of the Cabinet? One of these was condemned by his silence in refusing to institute an action for damages against a paper that published most serious charges against his character the public is enquiring: What will the Globe do with these men? If the Globe be consistent and sincere, it will denounce Dr. Beattie Nesbitt the Conservative. But will it?"

This is not an implied complaint against the Globe's action over the Nesbitt affair. It is high time that those in public life, whose conduct does not conform to the recognized standard should be driven from that over to their politics. Excuse the fact as we may we must admit there is not demand of our public men for that scrupulousity which is demanded in Great Britain. In that country if the finger of suspicion be lifted against the character of a public man it is sufficient to drive him into the retirement of private life but among us a politician's skill as a manipulator of votes is weighed against his morality, the former being held of greater importance.

To demand of a leading party organ consistency in this matter may seem exacting; but demand it the public will and should. The question is: What will the Globe do? All Canada will await with interest its action.

The gentlemen who rule just now are tremendously patriotic for the moment. They do not want the financial situation discussed. It might hurt the country. Nor do they think that the Japanese blunder should be dealt with. It might affect the good relations subsisting between Canada and the Japanese Empire. Neither should the French Treaty be considered. It is highly unpatriotic to object to a treaty once it is signed. Nor do they think that the Quebec bridge collapse should be investigated. The exposure of that affair might shake our credit. Nor is there anything else that ought to be looked into by Parliament. In fact, things are now in such a shape, none of the business of the country can be examined with safety—Mail and Empire.

Our wireless last week reached our member and he came up on Wednesday's train only to sail past without even stepping off as though he was afraid the farmers might ask him to do something for them.

No instance of late more fully demonstrates the independence of the rank and file of the Conservative party than the Mayoral election in Toronto. Mr. Oliver, the Mayor elect, is a Liberal, but a man above reproach. He was opposed by several other candidates, one of them being Mr. Nesbitt, a well known Conservative politician and a man with a big pull in the party. But he had been so accustomed to get what he wanted he took it for granted every Conservative would vote for him because he held up his hand. The Conservatives of Toronto, who are largely in the majority, felt that Oliver was the better man for the position and in spite of party ties elected him to the seat. Few Liberal papers but were fair minded enough to give the Conservatives of Toronto credit for their independent spirit, but there were several including the Alberta of Calgary, which had its little jibe at Mr. Nesbitt and the Conservative party. But Conservatives can stand that sort of thing, knowing full well that large numbers of Liberals in the Dominion to-day are as independent quite as they are and will give a good account of themselves when the Liberal party appeals to them again for their vote and influence.

The Quebec bridge should furnish the Dominion parliament with a subject for profound study. Over five million dollars has been spent on this great project, and now one half has collapsed and tumbled into the river of its own weight. The other half would be well rid of if it were also in the bottom of the sea for it has to be demolished somewhat before the rebuilding process can be started and it is doubtful if men can be found who will be willing to risk their lives in the attempt to remove it by mechanical contrivances. When this is done then the whole structure will have to be engineered and constructed on a stronger principle. The bungling so far has cost the Dominion many millions, and nearly 100 lives, and parliament should hesitate to sanction a repetition of the work except under conditions which guarantee absolute certainty of its being a proper and suitable structure for the intended purpose.

The Chicago Inter Ocean has made a careful canvass of the labor situation in Chicago and this reveals the fact that there are over 138,000 idle men in the city. This is above the number usually out of employment at this time of year.

G. F. ROOT IN PONOKA.

G. F. Root, Conservative candidate for the Red Deer constituency was in town the greater part of the past week in the interests of his candidacy, and spent a very busy time among the residents and farmers. Besides having a talk with almost every farmer who happened to be in town, he drove out to several points.

Tuesday evening Mr. Root addressed a fairly well attended meeting in the C. O. F. hall, Dr. Pullyblank presiding, and besides the candidate, J. A. Jackson and Mr. Conquist also spoke. The meeting was called principally for Conservatives and their friends, and no doubt that was the means of keeping a number away who otherwise would have been present.

Mr. Root stated that he stood by Mr. Borden's platform, and in a clear concise manner, explained his position on a number of the leading political topics of the day. As he said, that night's meeting was only the forerunner of what was to come, and of course Mr. Root's next visit will be looked forward to with expectation.—Herald.

NEW COAL REGULATIONS.

New regulations are gazetted governing the lease of school lands in the west for coal mining purposes. Hereafter 20 year leases have been permitted with a rental of 30c an acre and a royalty of 10c. per ton. Henceforth the term shall be 21 years, ground rent shall be \$11 an acre, and the royalty shall be 5c a ton lease must commence active operations within a year. No person may lease more than 640 acres.

Order of Eastern Star

The officials of Chapter No. 2, Order of the Eastern Star were installed on January 8th by worthy Matron Mrs. J. J. Geisinger and Worthy Patron A. B. Purdy, as follows:
Associated Matron—Mrs. L. C. Fulmer.

Secretary—Mrs. F. H. Tallman.
Treasurer—Mrs. R. C. Brumpton.
Conductress—Mrs. H. H. Drake.
Assistant Conductress—Mrs. P. Pidgeon.

The Star officers—Mrs. Postill, Mrs. Dr. Ide, Mrs. Brumpton, Mrs. C. J. B. Ward, Mrs. H. I. Lund.

Warden—Mrs. W. Piper.
Sentinel—Mrs. Tallman.
Chaplain—Mrs. P. Pidgeon.
Marchall—Miss Myrtle Lund.

A pleasant social time was spent by the members. The chapter was organized with 24 members but the number will soon be doubled.

Red Deer Butter & Cheese Mfg. Assoc'n Ltd.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Red Deer Butter and Cheese Association was held on Wednesday afternoon at the Alexandra hall, President J. G. Cole in the chair, and C. J. B. Ward acting as secretary. Mr. Ward presented the following statement:

ASSETS.
Property (land, building and plant) \$5000.00
Residue Capital Stock 17300.00
Cash in hand 1321.24
\$9051.24

LIABILITIES.
Paid up Capital stock \$3270.00
Statement of Income and Expenditure for year ending Dec. 31st, 1907.

INCOME.
Balance from 1906 \$213.25
Surplus on Manufacture 550.85
Bal. of Rent for 1907 102.00
Local Working fund 1907 604.49
Interest on Deposit Acc. 12.00
\$1771.59

EXPENDITURE.
Improvement to Property \$33.14
Taxes and Insurance 120.00
Adv. Staty. and P'g. 40.80
Sundries 10.00
Salaries 182.00
Late dividend cheques for 1906 28.50
Bal. in hand 1321.24
\$1771.58

The President dealt with the difficulties of the year, which had reduced their output from 100,000 lbs. of butter to 55,000 lbs. These were the severe winter, the late spring, the loss of territory, the loss of some herds yielding in 1907, etc. The poultry fattening had also fallen upon hard times, owing to the high price of feed and bad weather.

There was considerable dissatisfaction expressed at the meeting concerning the new agreement presented by the Provincial Dairy Commissioner which the meeting did not consider so favorable as the old agreement. Certain charges in respect to cost of manufacturing of butter, and the non-arrival of the summer settlements were also unsatisfactory, and Messrs. E. Carswell and Ward, the delegates chosen to attend the Government Creameries convention at Edmonton on Tuesday, will endeavor to get light on the subject.

It was decided to pay no dividend for the present in view of the possible extra outlay on extension of the charter.

The following directors were elected for the ensuing year:—E. (Carswell) President; J. Conner, Vice President; J. H. Smith, S. P. J. Gummow, S. Gremson, W. Jenkins, C. White, L. Engleheart, and C. J. B. Ward were re-elected secretary by the directors.

An appreciative vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Cole, who has been

president for the past seven years since the formation of the association.

The Department of Agriculture wished the association to take up the poultry fattening, and it was decided to apply to the Government for an amendment of the charter so as to give the association power to deal in poultry and hog products.

Since the meeting last week, Mr. Ward has received the following letter explaining some things to the patrons of the creamery:

Dept. Agriculture,
Office of Dairy Commissioner,
Calgary, January 17th, 1908.

Dear Sir,—

Your favor dated the 15th, has been duly received and resolutions passed at the annual meeting have been noted.

First: a statement showing the detailed cost of manufacturing butter at the Red Deer Creamery during the past year will be submitted to your Board as soon as possible. Particulars will be given also of the charges in cold storage.
Second: It is the intention of the Government to issue yearly statements of the business of each Creamery, a copy to be furnished to each patron. It was the intention to have the summary for 1906 printed, but owing to the total destruction by fire of the Government's printing office it was found impracticable.

Third, as all the Creameries under Government supervision are working under a uniform agreement no rental is paid for any.
I am pleased to note that Mr. Carswell and yourself will be in attendance at our Edmonton Convention on the 21st and I feel certain that the interest of your association will be well served by this appointment.

Faithfully yours,
C. MARKER,
Dairy Commissioner.

Rosedale.

On Friday evening, Jan. 17th, a program and supper was given in the Rosedale School house which has been equipped, and is ready for business. The program consisted of musical selections by the Rosedale Orchestra, and songs by Messrs. Rev. McBurney and Quance, as well as songs by several local vocal artists. There were also readings and recitations not to mention a charade acted by members of the Wildcat Juvenile Dramatic Club of this place. Every item was well received and supper which was served by the ladies, was especially acceptable to many (this being quite a bachelor settlement). Everyone seemed very well satisfied and all expressed the wish that a similar performance be given again as soon as possible.

Mr. Jas. Hogg intends leaving in a few days for B. C.

Mr. Chas. Raymond is the proud possessor of another baby boy.

Watch for the date of the Gaetz Valley concert when the Wildcat Juvenile Dramatic Club will perform.

Quite a number of the Rosedale people attended the Literary Debate given at Wood Lake Monday night.

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WINTER FOOTWEAR AT COST!

IVEY & COULTAS have decided to sell their stock of High-class Felt and all lines of Winter Shoes, Gum Rubbers, Buck Mocassins, German Sox, Mitts, etc., At Cost.

This Sale will continue till all Winter lines are sold out.

Every pair marked plainly. See our window for prices.

IVEY & COULTAS, THE ALIVE SHOE MEN.

If you don't know Ivey & Coultas you ought to.

FOUGHT FOR DEAR LIFE

MATE OF STEAM TRAWLER IN TERRIBLE POSITION.

Impressed in Cabin of Sinking Ship—Water Kept Door Tightly Closed—Companions Made Ineffective Effort to Rescue Him—Ebbing Tide Brought Release When All Hops Had Fled.

Harry Willey, the mate of the ill-fated Hull steam trawler Quail, sure in the winter after being run into by the Wilson liner Dynamo, has just recovered from the effects of his exciting fight for life in the cabin of the sinking ship.

"I had turned in about three-quarters of an hour, when I was awakened by a violent concussion, which made the vessel tremble from end to end. Before I had scarcely time to realize what was happening, I saw water rushing into the cabin from all sides."

"My comrades had fled, and I tumbled out of my berth and made for the cabin door as fast as my legs would carry me. The weight of the water, however, kept it closed. I pulled at it desperately, but I could not move it, and in a very short time the water had reached my waist, and I got into a very bad way, as if there was any possibility of escaping from my prison by way of the skylight."

"The water still continued to come in from the sides of the ship, and to my own surprise I had to keep standing on the cabin table, but even there I was compelled to stand as erect as possible on my toes. So as to keep the water from reaching my mouth my head was in the skylight top, where I had only a chance of a mouthful of air."

"Several of my mates, thinking, perhaps, some of us remained inside, tried to break through the iron bars of the skylight, and though I could not signal to them through the thick glass, I could feel the vibration of every blow they struck. Then their hammering ceased. They had given up, and either left the ship to save themselves, or came to the conclusion that, with the cabin full of water, these that remained were already drowned."

"It was a horrible moment when their hammering ceased and I was left there alone."

"I had nearly given up altogether, and once I slipped from my foothold, but was fortunately borne again to the surface, where I caught hold of the projecting ledge of the framework. I held on to it for some time like grim death, wondering and watching for what was to happen next. I thought I should never see land again. My heart sank within me, and I was beginning to despair when I noticed the water began to ebb. We had apparently sunk in shallow water. Down and down it went, and with every inch my hopes grew stronger. I was chilled to the bone, but I held on, and presently was able to again reach the cabin door."

"By degrees I pulled it inward—one inch—then two—and then three—until it came open wide, and the water rushing out carried me with it in safety to the upper deck."

"The force of the water was so great that my feet never once touched the steps of the companionway."

"The vessel was deserted, but I could see the Wilson liner near by and presently they saw me and sent a boat to fetch me, and with my comrades, who had given me up for lost, I was taken back to Hull."

More than an hour elapsed during Willey's exciting adventure.

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PROPOSED CANADIAN OFFICES.

Splendid Pile of Buildings to Be Erected in London.

The arrangements for the construction of the new offices of the Canadian Government, which are to be erected on the site between Aldwych and the Strand, London, have made good progress. A notice-board already appears above the boarding entrance.

WANTED—A position as office boy, or chore boy in exchange for board and lodging in order to attend school.—Apply Box 629.

Nurse Wanted.

Wanted by February 1st, 1908, a graduate nurse. Duties: besides general nursing to be operating room work and night nursing alternately. Apply personally or by letter (personal application preferred) to A. W. C. ALLEN, Secretary Memorial Hospital, Room 25, Smith & Gaetz Block, Red Deer.

NEW TYPE OF AIRSHIP

TWO SUCCESSFUL TRIALS OF BRITISH MILITARY BALLOON.

Completed Three-Mile Circle at Half-Mile Altitude—Navigated Against Wind—Machine Rode Easily Like Vessel in a Seaway—Only One Slight Hitch Due to Breaking of Belt—Number of Evolutions.

The first military dirigible balloon built in Great Britain made two trial trips recently, and with the exception of a slight hitch caused by the breaking of a bolt in the machinery that drove the cooling fan, the airship appears to have answered all the expectations of its authors.

The English airship proved itself capable of being easily handled, able to travel with and against the wind, most important of all, capable of being steered. The balloon was in charge of Col. Capper, Capt. King and P. H. Cody, an American, who has spent a number of years in the British service in charge of the kite section of the army.

After making a semicircle of about two miles around Farnborough and then a circle of about five miles, the airship, and in spite of the throwing out of ballast, of which the airship carried a large quantity, the balloon settled down. The defect which was developed is only slight, and can easily be fixed.

Balloon Answered Her Helm.

During the trip the wind blew at the rate of 15 miles an hour, and the airship had no difficulty in navigating against it. She rode gently like a vessel in a seaway. The machine, responding to the movements of the canvas sail-like rudder, traveled in a wide circle of about two miles in circumference at the rate of about five miles an hour. She had almost completed the circle when the engines stopped suddenly, owing to the breaking of a bolt, and the ship settled down gradually, drifting near a clump of trees. A detachment of engineers rushed up in the nick of time, and seizing hold of the trailers dragged the airship out of danger.

Machinery Worked Smoothly.

At the second trial the machinery worked with perfect smoothness. Various evolutions were performed, and the ship completed a three-mile circle at an altitude of about half a mile. She then descended not far from the ground.

This new airship is a sausage-shaped balloon about 100 feet long by 30 feet in diameter. It has a lifting capacity of about one ton, which, after deducting the weight of the car, engine, and other apparatus, permits the carriage of a crew of three men of average weight. The car is shaped like a canvas sail-like rudder, and the motors are carried in two torpedo-like cylinders above the car. The engines are so constructed that the exhaust vapor is turned into gas and carried away from the balloon above by means of a tube.

LADY STEEPLEJACK.

Fifteen-Year-Old Girl Lays Claim to World's Championship.

Having received no replies to her challenge for a steeple-climbing contest.

"The force of the water was so great that my feet never once touched the steps of the companionway."

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MISS LYDIA AKENS.

petition, Miss Lydia Akins, the fifteen-year-old Leicester girl steeple-jack, now claims to be the champion female steeplejack of the world.

Hermit For Twenty Years.

The Rhymney valley, on the South Wales border, has lost a picturesque personality by the removal to Merthyr Tydfil of a hermit, known in the neighborhood as the hermit of the valley.

For twenty years the aged hermit, who is better known as Mont Sienn, has lived in the caves and huts on the mountains.

The retreats which the recluse selected from time to time for his abode were kept, if not spotlessly clean, at any rate, free from any severe breath of sanitary rules, and no excuse could be secured for his removal by force to more comfortable quarters.

Edmund's sleeping accommodation was a wooden bench, on which he reposed in his clothes, which apparently he had never cast off for close upon fifteen years. Otherwise his personal habits were clean.

California Not A Paradise.

AN EVARTS FARMER'S OPINION.

January 17th, 1908.

To the Editor of the News.

Once in a while we hear of a young rover, being caught with a little chaff, but seldom, if ever, an old bird. On the 23rd January appeared a letter in the Advocate, written by Mr. Phillips, of Red Deer, from Pomona, Southern California, in which he gave a very glowing account of the place.

Having farmed for a number of years in the neighborhood of Pomona, Riverside, Arlington Heights and Corona, may I venture a few remarks. Mr. Phillips gave to the public on the side only, and in case some poor unfortunate farmer, on reading that letter should be tempted to put his little all into an alfalfa patch or an orange grove, I take the liberty of giving the other side. What does it mean when he says eight crops of alfalfa a year? Why the most we ever got was five, the first and last seldom doing more than paying for the water, yes I said water, which he forgot to mention, for you have to irrigate every time you cut and sometimes twice during the very hot weather, for 100 inches the farmer pays (or did five years ago) \$1 per hour, this is supposed to be the nine's inch i.e. the water, which is sold at its surface reaches the 4 inch mark above the outlet in the gate, but come with me to the gate and see for yourself, what a miserable little stream and is that 100 inches of water for which I am paying \$1 per hour. No wonder it takes days (10 hours a day) to irrigate a 10 acre patch and for which I paid for on order, not on delivery, but where is the four inch pressure? Friend I said supposed to be supposition nothing more. What does he mean when he says alfalfa is sold for \$12 per ton and that the lowest it has been in seven years is \$8 per ton and then buyer does the hauling. True, in 1900, I and 2, owing to drought when the greater part of Southern California resembled the great Mojave desert, alfalfa and other feed soaked away out of sight, going as high as \$20 and \$22 per ton. Straw, and poor stuff at that, was sold at \$11 and \$12 per ton, it was then the Los Angeles soap works bought hundreds of horses for \$2.50 per head to make soap, but like the Nebraska farmer, when corn was fetching one dollar and ten cents per cwt. we were buying and not selling, but at all other times \$1.50 and \$2 per ton is the average we ever got, that is on the field, and I have myself delivered many and many a load at Arlington Heights for \$5 and \$5.70, at the same time, could be seen in the market quotations of local papers, alfalfa at \$10 to \$11. The farmer was supposed to get, a little more supposition friend and nothing more. Should it be rented land and Mr. Landlord takes one third of the crop in the stack, which, as a rule, reaches the market at \$1.50 per ton, the farmer is left with one third of the crop, at which time it usually takes a leap of several dollars, why does the farmer not stack his two-thirds until it goes up did you say? Simply because he has to get a few dollars ready for the next irrigation, no supposition about that. Mr. Gopher gets in quite a bit of work too, and although he is only a little fellow, he will often keep you busy, for while you are wondering whether you will get through irrigating to-night, and evening looks alright, put a match to your pipe and look around, halo, where the dickens is the water gone, this means a trip of perhaps a mile or two, only to find the little scoundrel has made a hole (although small at first) soon big enough to carry your stream down some other fellow's ditch, the cutworm there, as well as here, puts in an appearance once in a while and I have seen him cut in a alfalfa patch just as clean as you could do it with one of your fingers. I guess the climate of Pomona is alright if you have plenty of money, but for the farmer I have no hesitation in saying it is not to be compared with Sunny Alberta.

Thank you, Mr. Editor, R. W. B.

MARKETS.

TORONTO LIVE STOCK.

Toronto, Jan. 16.—Receipts of live stock at Toronto market to-day were 124 cars, consisting of 1,941 cattle, 1,400 sheep and lambs, 1,790 hogs and 148 calves. Prices continue firm, except hogs, which sold at \$1 to \$1.50, export cows \$4.50, butchers \$4 to 4.50, stockers \$2 to 3.50, calves \$3 to 4.50, sheep \$3 to 4.40, hogs 5.20 to 5.70.

WINNIPEG LIVE STOCK.

Winnipeg, Jan. 16.—The following prices paid at abattoirs and stock yards for stock weighed off cars at

Vinnipeg: Hogs, 170 to 200 lbs., per wt. \$5; 220 to 300 lbs., per cwt. \$4.50; 30 lbs. and over, per cwt. \$4; rough cows, steers and sows taken at value.

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CHICAGO LIVE STOCK.

Chicago, Jan. 18.—The cattle trade is about steady, clearance being noted. Choice lambs are steady, but the medium grades sold 10 to 15 cents lower. Sheep are steady. Normal supplies of cattle arrived to-day. Market is quiet and practically steady. Receipts close to 10,000 which after liberal receipts earlier in the week proved enough to apply the demand. The buyers went out evidently with the intention of forcing prices lower, but did not make much success of it. Shippers wanted about all of good to choice steers, and these sold steady, but the common and medium grades showed a weaker tendency from the start. Cows and heifers sold about steady with yesterday, though the salesmen said buyers were indifferent and made an effort to get the prices lower. The movement is slow. Calves are steady at yesterday's prices and feeders are not quotably changed.

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CARRIED ONE PROVINCE.

Readers of the News will recall that during the last Dominion election which took place in 1901 false ballot boxes were found to be in use in East Hastings, Frontenac and other places. These ballot boxes had two compartments and when an honest Tory came in to vote, and watched to see that his ballot was placed in the box and went away satisfied, the Tory deputy returning officer would touch a spring which would exchange the Tory ballot for one marked for the Liberal candidate. When the time came for closing the poll and counting the ballots, it would be found that about half the Tories had voted Grit.

When the sensational news got abroad about this box fraud, the most of the bogus boxes were drowned in the lake, and the ice-cream covered them over. However the constables managed to fish them up through the ice, and Byron Lott and Co. Shibley, two Liberal candidates, had to leave the country to save going to penitentiary.

IT WAS WORSE IN MANITOBA.
There the special Liberal organizer for Province had the voters lists brought to his office and searched out names of nearly 10,000 Conservatives with red ink. The pretence was set up that he was correcting the lists, but it could not be found that a single Liberal had been struck off. When the Conservatives went to vote they found in some polling divisions that about half of them had been crossed off by this red line process.

The matter was brought to the attention of parliament during the session of 1905, and the public records show what took place there.
Mr. Boyce asked: "Is R.E.A. Leach at present in the employ of the Canadian government? If so, what position does he hold, when was he appointed, and at what salary?"
Mr. Leach is Inspector of Dominion land agencies, was appointed Jan 1st, 1905, at \$2,000 a year.

Before this appointment was made Mr. Leach had been active as a campaign manager. He was the party organizer in Manitoba during the federal election campaign which ended in November, 1904, and in this capacity became associated with the "Thin Red Line" affair.

THE CONSPIRACY.
In Manitoba, as elsewhere, the original election lists are prepared by the provincial law. These for 1904 were reprinted at the bureau at Ottawa for the Dominion elections and sent to the returning officers. A number of these officers turned over the lists to Mr. Leach in Winnipeg. It was the duty of the returning officer to arrange for polling places and to decide where each elector should vote. Instead of doing this themselves, those officers, who obeyed the party instructions, handed over the task to Mr. Leach's office. From the organizer the lists went back to the returning officers beautifully carved up. Hundreds of names were erased with red lines.

Conservative voters, whose names were struck out, had no knowledge of the change until they appeared at the polls originally designated for them and asked for ballots. Some of them were probably on a list in some other polling place, though if they were not Government supporters they could not learn what place it was.

Hundreds went from village to village all election day looking for their poll and never finding it. Hundreds were struck off in one place were never registered in another. Hundreds were transferred to polls farther from their homes than the one where they expected to vote, and too far to be reached after they had learned the facts. No Conservative had any way of knowing before he went to the poll as to what had happened. The re-arranged lists were not posted as the law required, but private notice was given to Liberals who might have been transferred. Mr. Leach was not an election officer. He was not known in the case until afterwards. He had his agents all over the province beforehand securing the political sympathies of the electors and preparing for this splendid operation.

BETWEEN NINE AND TEN THOUSAND
Additional light is now thrown upon this story by the statement of Hon. Robert Rogers, Minister of Public Works of Manitoba, who has made examination of the "Red Line" list, and declares that 9,200 electors were disfranchised by this process. The following is the record for constituencies: Marquette, 1,019; Provencher, 588; Portage la Prairie, 1,365; Souris, 1,258; Lacombe, 1,171; Melville, 1,721; Selkirk, 1,101. Now the Government majority in Provencher was 10, in Portage, 38; in Lacombe, 180, and in Selkirk, 507; Marquette, Souris and Macdonald elected Conservative in spite of the conspiracy.

A MATTER OF TESTIMONY.
Some of the men concerned in this conspiracy were prosecuted and a number escaped to the United States. Some pleaded ignorance and the juries disagreed as to their criminality others escaped on legal technicalities. But the main facts were well established. One deputy returning officer swore that he took the original list into the office of Mr. Leach who under took to fix it for him. He left the paper with the organizer and afterwards went back and obtained it with a number of names struck off. Though the returning officer was responsible he did not take the trouble to ascer-

tain whether the changes were proper or not as is shown by his own testimony given below:

Question. You did not know any thing about the lists?
Answer. No.
Q. They may have been different lists altogether for all you know?
A. Yes.

Q. They may have been lists for MacDonald or Winnipeg?
A. Yes, they may have been.
Q. You took his word (Mr. Leach's) on these were the lists you wanted to the different polling subdivisions and that satisfied you then?
A. Yes.

This officer admitted that he left the list open in the Liberal committee room after it had been fixed this was in Provencher, where 588 were disfranchised and where the government majority was ten.

In one polling place 13 names were struck out who were all Conservatives in another polling division the red line went through the names of 15 men who had voted at that place for years every one of whom was a Conservative.

ONE RESULT.

A special committee of the house of Commons, charged with amendments to the Election Law, was appointed and held a number of meetings during the session of 1901. The evidence furnished to that committee set forth the above facts in detail. One witness showed that at the Brandon poll 11 names were found to have been crossed with the red line. Government supporters, whose names were thus erased, were placed in other lists notified before hand, and knew where to vote. Eighteen electors who had expected to vote at that poll were not so notified, and could get no information to show them where they ought to go. In this instance the strong outraged men in a body forced the returning officer to take their ballots and recorded them as having voted. The officer put the ballots in a separate envelope from which they were afterwards counted. It was explained that one of 18 had made a mistake in marking his ballot and thus unintentionally voted for the government candidate. Another had arrived unexpectedly during election day from Toronto, and though he was a Liberal he had not been able to get to the poll to which he had been assigned.

The count of votes in the envelope 10 opposition and 2 Government ballots.
A NEW YEAR'S PRESENT.
Election day in 1904 was the third day of November. As will be seen at the beginning of this chapter, Mr. Leach received his reward on the following New Year's Day, an office at \$2,000 a year.

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Robt. Page and Arthur Pardoe, of Pine Lake, were in town on Friday last.

A. W. G. Allen has received the appointment of official auditor for Red Deer.

W. L. Gibson, Manager of the Bank of Commerce, returned from his trip to the east on Monday last.

Mrs. A. C. Foster, who is spending some time at Cedar Rapids, Michigan, reports her mother very ill.

Lyle Reed is in town in the interests of the Edmonton Journal, the leading Conservative paper of the province.

Councillor A. T. Stephenson left for Wetaskiwin on Sunday to spend a week or two with his brother in that city.

Remember the concert to be given on Thursday, Jan. 30th in the Presbyterian church. Admission, 25c and 15c.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Brumpton have reached Sacramento City, Cal., and report having a good time. They are picking oranges and having all sorts of fun.

Four one dollar bills were lost on Gaetz avenue, Monday by Jack Gretton. As soon as the finder learns it was Jack who lost the bills, of course he will leave them at the News office.

J. Wood has been very busy storing his summer supply of ice for the past few weeks. The ice is in splendid condition this year and it is unnecessary to state that the supply is inexhaustible.

At a meeting in the Oddfellows' Hall on the 16th inst. it was unanimously decided to form a Calcedonian Society in Red Deer. A further meeting was also called for Friday the 24th inst. for the purpose of considering the committee's report on the rules of neighboring societies and of drawing up a set of rules for the local society. All Scotsmen are specially invited to attend.

Dr. Clark, of Olds, the Liberal candidate, was in town on Wednesday evening last and addressed the young Liberals in their club room. He received a decidedly cool reception. He gazed on the beaming countenance of our respected townsman, Harry Wallace, and said he supposed he must be a relation of the illustrious Scot for whom so many of his noble countrymen had bled. Although an Englishman himself, his heart warmed to the noble Scot Harry said something, but we were in a hurry and couldn't wait to hear what it was.

The firm of Pidgeon & Wallace, real estate and general insurance agents, have associated with them Mr. D. E. Miller formerly of Wayne, Nebraska. The arrangement should strengthen them to a considerable extent. Mr. Miller being a gentleman of large experience in land values and town properties, having been connected with the transfer and sale of lands in Indiana, the Dakotas, Nebraska, Iowa and other states of the Union, and has a large correspondence with prospective settlers from the south. We congratulate Messrs. Pidgeon and Wallace in their selection of an associate, and we are sure our readers, knowing the firm as they do, will naturally do what they can to assist the firm in building up a permanent and lucrative business.

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OPTICIAN.

Edwell.

We are pleased to note that Mr. Kendrew, senior, is able to resume his place in the Sunday school after a long absence occasioned by serious illness.

Mr. Arthur Hitchcock left recently for an indefinite visit to British Columbia.

Mr. T. J. Walton made a business trip to Calgary last week. He succeeded in resuscitating the repairs of his well machine which have been lost for a long time in the customs warehouse. Those who have been waiting for a well need wait no longer.

We note the following excellent buildings completed within the year: William Stubb, barn; E. C. Moore, residence and barn; N. McPhee, residence; Andrew Morrison, barn. These are all up to date and would be creditable to any farming community.

Mr. William Day, who has been roaming over various portions of the west for the past year, has turned up in Idaho. He reports himself thoroughly disgusted with conditions there. He especially dislikes the script in use there for currency.

The Edwell school, Miss North teacher, is doing good work. There is an enrollment of over thirty, a good average attendance and good advancement is being made in all departments.

The lectures on account of the Dairy Branch of the Provincial Government will not take place at Edwell as arranged for. They will be given in Grassy Lake school house January 24.

Quite a large number of the young folks have been amusing themselves during the winter by skating on Second Lake. Last Friday evening 15 or 20 attended the party.

The voters returned Mr. Blake councillor for the next year without opposition. The complaint against the Sec'y-treas. for this local improvement district was well nigh universal. A resolution was passed in favor of the present method of handling the roads. There was a considerable balance reported in favor of this township. It was recommended to purchase a wheel scraper in time for use during the summer.

Now nearly all the threshing accounts are in, it turns out that Mr. Joseph Graham had the highest yield in the district. From four acres of summer fallow he threshed three hundred and twenty bushels of oats.

It is reported that Mr. Love has sold his farm to Vancouver parties, consideration thirty two hundred dollars. This is the fourth time this farm has changed hands in three years.

At the annual school meeting Mr. Fred Ellis was elected without practically no opposition. The financial affairs were reported in a prosperous condition. The debentures were over half paid. The proposition to veneer the school building was informally discussed. It was thought best to leave the question to be taken up at a special election, if the voters deem it desirable.

Rose Dale.

Rose Dale school will open Monday next, Miss Kidner from near Red Deer will take charge.

Nomination for Council was held in the school house on the 6th for Div. No. 1. Herbert Smith, past councillor, was elected by acclamation. Quite a number of the ratepayers were present at the nomination and asked the councillor to give a report of the work that was done in the past year, which he did to their satisfaction, his report showed that there was 25 miles of road brushed in his division last year besides other work.

Fire Brigade Carnival.

The Carnival on Wednesday evening was a grand success. The ice was crowded, but the costumes were not numerous. The proceeds were over \$50. The rink was handsomely decorated. The Judges, Mrs. Dr. Plaxton and M. A. Munro, gave entire satisfaction. Prizes were awarded as follows:

Lady's—Miss Lehrman, Lacombe, "Sweet Caporal." Miss Ivey, "Gipsy." Gent's—W. H. Godley, "Sioux Indian." L. H. Reilly, "Turk." Girl's—A. Peterson, "Bo-Peep" Isla Tait, "Moral Reform." Boy's—Clare Smith, "Robin Hood." Roy Pidgeon, "Jockey." Men's Comic—W. Baird, "Trump." L. B. Griffith, "Clown." Boy's Comic—Oscar Ware, "Black and White." Lady's race—Miss Lily Smith 1st, Miss N. Brishin, 2nd. Men's race—Dan Smith 1st, A. Cornett 2nd. Boy's race—R. Huustis 1st, R. Posill 2nd. The firemen will probably have another Carnival in February when new costumes will be introduced and special prizes offered.

Evarts.

Quite a number of the Evarts people took in the skating party near Armstrong's last week.

Mr. R. E. Laurence returned from his trip to Montana on Saturday.

Mrs. Warwick is spending a few weeks with Mrs. Ralph Brown, at Eekville.

Miss Mina Braton, of Red Deer, is visiting her sister this week.

Mr. Edwards, the Church of England minister, held services in the Church on Sunday last.

Mr. Bob Armstrong, who has been confined to his bed, is slowly recovering.

Mrs. O. M. Forhan is recovering from a bad attack of la grippe.

Some of the Evarts people intend taking in the box social at Eekville next Friday night.

The Leap Year ball, given by the ladies of Evarts, was a great success. The hall was crowded, and the ladies gave everyone a most enjoyable time. Music was furnished by Messrs. Leiske and Johnson, and Mr. W. Watt, of Innisfail, ably filled the position of manager. A sumptuous supper was served by the ladies, which did them great credit. There were some pretty costumes. Among them we noticed Miss Eymanson, pretty dark green suit; Miss Braton, cream with touches of pale blue; Miss M. Braton, light blue with chiffon trimmings; Miss Forhan, black net over black; Miss E. Milward, white and blue; Miss Walker, deep cream; Miss L. Walker, red velvet; Mrs. Robinson, pretty white and pink muslin; Miss Cassels, light green with dark green trimmings; Mrs. Warwick, black; Miss Halderson, pale blue silk; Miss Matchett, deep cream with red trimmings.

"God helps those that help themselves." It's but a little while, and a very little while at that, before Spring will be here. Then, Mr. Farmer, you will be looking here, there and everywhere for seed, barbed wire and all kinds of things. It is for this purpose the Alberta Farmers' Association meets, at 2 p.m., on Saturday, the 25th of this month, in the schoolhouse at Evarts. Don't forget the hour, day and place; everybody invited. You do not have to be a member of the association—come and make your wants known, and we will do our level best. Mr. Editor, if you will kindly allow me a little space, I should like to say there seems to be a general impression that this association is connected in some way with the Liberal party. Just how this came about is more than I can say, but for the benefit of those who do not know or understand, I would say we are not a political organization, neither do we propose to back the candidate of any party; this is a system we adopted from the first, and we find it a trump card. There are others who think, and even say, "This is another money-making scheme." Well and truly said, for a dollar saved is a dollar gained, and will go to the right pockets this time. I find it no easy matter to get farmers to pull together. I suppose it is because they have been hit so many times. Again, they do not seem to realize their own strength. In place of being the most independent body in the whole world we find them the most humble. However, they are pulling together in the older countries, simply because, I suppose, they have to; and so will you, and before long. Why not you? and now? Yes, I say now, and while the iron is hot. Now don't forget the old head line, boys, "Unity is strength. United we stand, divided we fall. Thank you, Mr. Editor."

Poplar Ridge.

The annual School business meeting was held last Saturday. Mr. B. Krause was elected trustee. The secretary's report read that the inspector stated Poplar Ridge had the best lighted school house in Alberta. We wonder when the inspector visited the school last.

Wood business is rushing so that one man had to load Sunday night.

On Friday the 17th a baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Austin. School has re-opened with Mr. W. L. Smith of Gaetz Valley in charge. We wish Mr. Smith great success.

Mr. Ritchie's saw mill from Blackfalds is expected to sit in the neighborhood about March 1st.

Farm Wanted.

Anyone having a good farm for sale in Western Canada may find cash buyers by writing at once, giving price and description, to: BUYERS CO-OPERATIVE CO., Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Lost.

Four one dollar bills on Gaetz Avenue, Monday, between the corner of Ross Avenue and Peat's blacksmith shop. Finder will be rewarded by leaving at News office.

J. GRETTON.

Lost.

One yearling steer, branded 7X with half circle above, on top of right hip. 1 Jersey yearling steer and one yearling heifer with white on belly branded FG with half diamond above on right ribs. Owner will be much obliged by any news of them. JOSEPH GRAHAM, Edwell.

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